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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the *10th of August 1934.*
26th of Karkadagam 1109.

The House met at half-past eleven with C. G. Herbert, Esqr., I. C. S., the President, in the Chair. Dr. A. G. Menon and Messrs. C. Barton Wright, K. G. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, K. Mohamed Sethi, C. A. Ouseph and A. Sankara Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Ill-treatment of Satyagraha Volunteers by the Police.

311. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 141, dated 26th January 1934, will the Government place on the table a true copy of the reports mentioned by the Secretary to the Diwan in his statement 'I shall read a portion of these reports'?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government regret that the report, being confidential, cannot be published.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—May I know on what grounds has it been made confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The District Magistrate sent a confidential report and every officer is at liberty to send confidential reports.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Was not a portion read by the Secretary the other day?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, I read two sentences in which there was no harm for reading.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Is there any harm in reading the other portions also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not the question of harm but it is a confidential report.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does that report agree with the report submitted by the non-officials?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not had time to study the report of the non-officials.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether that report will be studied by the Government in the near future?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Of course, every paper that is received must be clearly studied.

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